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CITY HALL,  
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*May, 1918.*

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CARDIFF EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit for your consideration my Ninth Annual Report upon the Medical and Sanitary Supervision of the Schools under your control, including an account of the medical inspection and treatment of children attending the Public Elementary Schools in the City of Cardiff during the year ended 31st December, 1917.

A grant of £864 17s. 11d. was received from the Board of Education for medical inspection for the financial year ended March 31st, 1917.

There are thirty-seven Public Elementary Schools in the City, with accommodation for 33,302 scholars. The average attendance from October, 1916, to September, 1917, was 28,012.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

The Medical Officer of Health acts as School Medical Officer, and is directly responsible to the Education Committee, having two Assistant Medical Officers, who also act as Assistants to the Medical Officer of Health. The clerical work relating to medical inspection and treatment is carried out by clerks in the office of the Medical Officer of Health, and the Assistant Medical Officers and the School Nurses have office accommodation in the Public Health Department. The two services are therefore in close association, and form, in fact, one organization.

Dr. A. F. Bernard Shaw, who was appointed in October, 1912, and Dr. Emilie C. Creaser, who was appointed in January, 1914, act as Assistant School Medical Officers, and also undertake certain duties in connection with the Public Health Department.

Dr. Shaw has been absent on Military Service since August, 1914. Dr. Erie Evans has undertaken part-time duties as temporary Assistant School Medical Officer.

There are five School Nurses on the permanent Staff, two of whom, during the year, were absent on Military duties, and their places were taken by two temporary School Nurses.

Two Nurses assist in the routine and special inspection of children. One Nurse devotes the whole of her time to duties in connection with the School Clinic. One Nurse is responsible for the "following up" of cases and she is assisted, whenever possible, by some of the other Nurses. The Nurses help at the Clinic on the days when operations are performed for tonsils and adenoids and when the Dentist is in attendance, and also in the treatment of minor ailments.

An arrangement has been made by the Education Committee with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses' Institute for their Nurses to assist in the treatment of minor ailments by visiting the children in their homes and carrying out the treatment advised at the Clinic. The Cardiff Education Committee contribute £30 a year to the Nurses' Institute for services rendered in connection with this work.





## SCHOOL CLINIC.

OPHTHALMIC DEPARTMENT.—This work is undertaken by an Ophthalmic Surgeon—Dr. Leighton Davies—who devotes one half-day a week to treatment of diseases of the eyes and defective vision.

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DEPARTMENT.—A Specialist attends one half-day a week for treatment of diseases of the ear, nose and throat (chiefly tonsils and adenoids). Dr. Wade was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death on Military Service of Dr. A. L. Thornley.

DENTAL CLINIC.—The Dentist—Mr. C. J. Hurry Riehes—visits the schools one session weekly to examine children between the ages of 6 and 8. The parents of children requiring treatment are notified and if suitable cases, those who apply are treated by him at the Clinic and such other cases as are specially recommended by the Assistant Medical Officers. He attends at the Clinic one half-day a week to carry out treatment.

Dr. Eric Evans was appointed to give anæsthetics at the Dental and Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics.

MINOR AILMENTS.—The treatment of minor ailments, including ringworm, scabies and common skin diseases, is supervised by the Assistant School Medical Officers on two half-days a week. The School Nurses and Queen's Nurses give valuable assistance in carrying out at the homes of the children the treatment prescribed. 4,336 visits were paid by the Queen's Nurses during 1917.

## CLEANSING STATION.

During the year the number of children treated at the Cleansing Station by the Nurses amounted to 54, suffering from scabies. The number of baths given was 94.

Children specially examined upon school premises by the School Nurses with a view to detecting neglected and verminous conditions :—

Children examined	...	...	...	...	...	21,835
Children found to be neglected or verminous	...	...	...	...	...	912
Notices sent to Parents	...	...	...	...	...	912
Re-examinations of Children previously found to be neglected or verminous	...	...	...	...	...	498
Children who upon first examination were neglected or verminous, found upon re-examination to have been cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	424
Second Notices sent to Parents	...	...	...	...	...	74

## ACTION TAKEN WITH A VIEW TO DETECTING AND PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

This work is closely associated with the ordinary administration in the Department of the Medical Officer of Health. Notices are sent to the Teachers immediately after the receipt of a notification from a medical practitioner that a child is suffering from an infectious disease, and printed instructions are given to the parent concerned.

Information received by the School Medical Officer relating to non-notifiable diseases, viz. :—whooping cough, chicken-pox, etc., is, of course, incomplete, although the majority of cases amongst school children are notified to the Medical Officer by Head Teachers, upon forms supplied to them. The Assistant Medical Officers, School Nurses, Health Visitors, and School Attendance Officers, also at times give information of such cases. Children found to be actually suffering from infectious disease are, of course, excluded from school until they are considered to be free from infection.

Children residing in houses in which there is infectious disease, but who are not themselves suffering from such illness, are dealt with in accordance with the instructions referred to.

It has been found necessary to examine cases of ringworm very carefully before re-admission.



TABLE I.

Number of Children Inspected 1st January, 1917, to 31st December, 1917.

## A.—CODE GROUPS.

AGE	ENTRANTS.						LEAVERS.				GRAND TOTAL
	3	4	5	6	Other Ages	Total	12	13	Other Ages	Total	
Boys ... ..	...	287	421	324	78	1,110	371	971	...	1,342	2,452
Girls ... ..	...	191	400	328	62	981	227	1,026	...	1,253	2,234
Total ... ..	...	478	821	652	140	2,091	598	1,997	...	2,595	4,686

## B.—GROUPS OTHER THAN CODE.

				SPECIAL CASES.			Re examinations (i.e. No. of Children Re-examined)	Total Re-examinations
				At the City Hall	On the School Premises	Total		
Boys ... ..	...	...	...	847	97	944	404	
Girls ... ..	...	...	...	850	157	1,007	385	1,929
Total ... ..	...	...	...	1,697	254	1,951	789	1,929



TABLE  
Number and Age Periods of Children

SCHOOL	Infants—Boys						Infants—Girls					
	Ages—Years					Totals	Ages—Years					Totals
	3	4	5	6	7		3	4	5	6	7	
Adamsdown C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Albany Road C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Allensbank C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Court Road C. ...	...	18	30	17	2	67	...	16	21	7	5	49
Crwys Road C. ...	...	...	8	6	3	17	...	6	17	7	5	35
Eleanor Street C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gladstone C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grangetown C. ...	...	37	50	26	11	124	...	21	47	17	12	97
Kitchener Road C. ...	...	14	23	11	3	51	...	11	18	16	1	46
Lansdowne Road C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marlborough Road C. ...	...	21	48	36	23	128	...	8	38	29	16	91
Moorland Road C. ...	...	33	22	6	...	61	...	23	18	5	...	46
Ninian Park C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Radnor Road C. ...	...	7	9	9	3	28	...	6	13	4	...	23
Roath Park C. ...	...	13	31	23	9	76	...	8	33	19	12	72
Severn Road C. ...	...	38	42	27	14	121	...	24	39	24	5	92
South Church Street C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Splotlands C. ...	...	17	48	28	...	93	...	10	31	39	...	80
Stacey Road C. ...	...	26	25	24	...	75	...	10	25	27	...	62
Wood Street C. ...	...	13	22	7	5	47	...	16	25	21	2	64
Canton N.P. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cathays N.P. ...	...	6	18	24	...	48	...	6	16	27	...	49
Crofts Street N.P. ...	...	3	10	13	...	26	...	...	11	20	...	31
Grangetown N.P. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Metal Street N.P. ...	...	12	12	17	...	41	...	9	10	23	...	42
St. John's N.P. ...	...	4	1	5	1	11	...	3	7	8	4	22
St. Mary's N.P. ... (Bute Terrace)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Mary's N.P. ... (Clarence Road)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Mary's Mission N.P. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Monica's N.P. ...	...	3	8	8	...	19	...	5	18	5	...	28
Tredegaville N.P. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Alban's N.P. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Cuthbert's N.P. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. David's N.P. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Mary's N.P. ... (Wyndham Crescent)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Patrick's N.P. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Peter's N.P. ...	...	22	14	37	4	77	...	9	13	30	...	52
TOTALS ...	...	287	421	324	78	1110	...	191	400	328	62	981

C.—Council Schools.



II.

Inspected at Routine Inspection.

Boys					Girls					Totals (All Ages)	SCHOOL
Ages—Years				Totals	Ages—Years				Totals		
7	8	12	13		7	8	12	13			
...	...	13	35	48	...	...	16	35	51	99	Adamsdown C.
...	...	...	65	65	...	...	11	43	54	119	Albany Road C.
...	...	9	34	43	...	...	4	34	38	81	Allensbank C.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	42	158	Court Road C.
...	...	35	25	60	...	...	12	42	54	166	Crwys Road C.
...	...	2	13	15	...	...	6	12	18	33	Eleanor Street C.
...	...	37	21	58	...	...	3	41	44	102	Gladstone C.
...	...	19	48	67	...	...	...	43	43	331	Grangetown C.
...	...	12	41	53	...	...	7	29	36	186	Kitchener Road C.
...	...	25	24	49	...	...	3	47	50	99	Lansdowne Road C.
...	...	...	39	39	...	...	12	18	30	288	Marlborough Road C.
...	...	24	70	94	...	...	25	60	85	286	Moorland Road C.
...	...	...	54	54	...	...	...	60	60	114	Ninian Park C.
...	...	34	32	66	...	...	...	68	68	185	Radnor Road C.
...	...	18	21	39	...	...	3	32	35	222	Roath Park C.
...	...	34	46	80	...	...	7	65	72	365	Severn Road C.
...	...	7	16	23	...	...	4	7	11	34	South Church Street C.
...	...	...	67	67	...	...	18	52	70	310	Splotlands C.
...	...	32	20	52	...	...	2	32	34	223	Stacey Road C.
...	...	11	33	44	...	...	6	35	41	196	Wood Street C.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	25	30	30	Canton N.P.
...	...	3	9	12	...	...	...	8	8	117	Cathays N.P.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	Crofts Street N.P.
...	...	9	5	14	...	...	...	5	5	19	Grangetown N.P.
...	...	11	11	22	...	...	8	20	28	133	Metal Street N.P.
...	...	...	41	41	...	...	16	12	28	102	St. John's N.P.
...	...	8	26	34	...	...	5	10	15	49	St. Mary's N.P. (Bute Terrace)
...	...	3	19	22	...	...	5	14	19	41	St. Mary's N.P. (Clarence Road)
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7	7	St. Mary's Mission N.P.
...	...	6	16	22	...	...	2	11	13	82	St. Monica's N.P.
...	...	3	9	12	...	...	3	15	18	30	Tredegarville N.P.
...	...	...	23	23	...	...	3	15	18	41	St. Alban's N.P.
...	...	...	12	12	...	...	3	9	12	24	St. Cuthbert's N.P.
...	...	4	34	38	...	...	22	27	49	87	St. David's N.P.
...	...	2	9	11	...	...	2	14	16	27	St. Mary's N.P. (Wyndham Creseent)
...	...	...	21	21	...	...	7	12	19	40	St. Patrick's N.P.
...	...	10	32	42	...	...	2	30	32	203	St. Peter's N.P.
...	...	371	971	1342	...	...	227	1026	1253	4686	TOTALS

N.P.—Non-Provided Schools.





TABLE III.

Return of Defects found in the Course of Medical Inspection in 1917 :—

DEFECT OR DISEASE	CODE GROUPS		SPECIALS	
	Number referred for Treatment	Number requiring to be kept under observation, but not referred for Treatment	Number referred for Treatment	Number requiring to be kept under observation, but not referred for Treatment
SKIN :—				
Malnutrition ... ..	66	4	7	5
Uncleanliness :—				
Head ... ..	57	...	52	...
Body ... ..	39	...	5	...
SKIN :—				
Ringworm :—				
Head ... ..	5	...	118	...
Body ... ..	8	...	68	...
Scabies ... ..	28	...	189	...
Impetigo ... ..	48	...	157	...
Other Disease ... ..	8	7	72	3
EYE :—				
Defective Vision and Squint ... ..	371	1	314	3
External Eye Disease ... ..	22	1	72	...
EAR :—				
Defective Hearing ... ..	18	9	33	...
Ear Disease ... ..	13	1	50	...
TEETH :—				
Dental Disease (see Clinic Report).				
NOSE AND THROAT :—				
Enlarged Tonsils ... ..	265	5	59	...
Adenoids ... ..	72	6	97	...
Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids ... ..	27	2	31	...
Defective Speech ... ..	...	...	2	...
HEART AND CIRCULATION :—				
Heart Disease :—				
Organic ... ..	3	6	...	...
Functional ... ..	...	...	...	7
Anæmia ... ..	50	2	10	24
LUNGS :—				
Pulmonary Tuberculosis :—				
Definite ... ..	2	3	4	...
Suspected ... ..	...	2	17	26
Chronic Bronchitis ... ..	15	4	4	26
Other Disease ... ..	2	12	...	38
NERVOUS SYSTEM :—				
Epilepsy ... ..	...	4	1	6
Chorea ... ..	20	...	3	17
Other Disease ... ..	...	...	...	1
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis :—				
Glands ... ..	2	3	6	11
Bones and Joints ... ..	...	...	...	5
Other Forms ... ..	...	...	2	1
Rickets ... ..	...	...	1	2
Deformities ... ..	3	1	1	4
Other Defects or Diseases ... ..	28	11	82	63



TUBERCULOSIS.—The Mortality from tuberculosis in all forms amongst children between the age of five and fifteen years in Cardiff during the year 1917 was as follows :—

Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	...	...	...	...	18
Tubercular Meningitis ...	...	...	...	...	11
Other Tubercular Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	8

The Tuberculosis Regulations, 1912, made all forms of tuberculosis notifiable by medical practitioners to the Medical Officer of Health. The number of such notifications amongst children at school ages received during the year were as follows :—

Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	...	...	...	...	32
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	...	...	...	...	49

TABLE IV.

Treatment of Defects of Children during 1917 :—

Condition	No. of Defects found for which Treatment was considered necessary			No. of Defects for which no report is available	No. of Defects treated	Results of Treatment			No. of Defects not treated	Per-centage of Defects treated
	From previous Year	New	Total			Remedied	Improved	Un-changed		
Clothing ...	1	28	29	...	28	16	12	...	1	96.5
Footgear ...	1	16	17	...	17	9	8	...	...	100
Cleanliness of Head ...	1	109	110	...	108	100	8	...	2	98.1
Cleanliness of Body ...	...	29	29	...	27	15	12	...	2	93.1
Nutrition ...	3	72	75	12	63	2	59	2	...	84
Nose and Throat ...	142	664	806	10	287	254	29	4	509	35.6
External Eye Disease ...	6	95	101	1	89	61	27	1	11	88.1
Ear Disease ...	3	62	65	1	50	27	22	1	14	76.9
Teeth ...	115	530	645	16	171	114	57	...	458	26.5
Heart and Circulation ...	1	15	16	...	16	...	8	8	...	100
Lungs ...	1	40	41	...	40	6	29	5	1	97.5
Nervous System ...	3	24	27	...	27	7	17	3	...	100
Skin ...	21	731	752	13	739	616	123	...	...	98.2
Rickets ...	...	4	4	...	4	...	4	...	...	100
Deformities ...	...	5	5	...	5	...	2	3	...	100
Tuberculosis ...	...	12	12	...	12	...	11	1	...	100
(non-pulmonary)										
Speech ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mental Condition ...	...	10	10	...	10	...	10	...	...	100
Vision and Squint ...	181	684	865	13	522	449	63	10	330	60.3
Hearing ...	11	31	42	1	20	13	7	...	21	47.6
Miscellaneous ...	3	97	100	...	97	34	54	9	3	97
Anæmia ...	7	60	67	...	64	3	61	...	3	95.5
TOTAL ...	500	3,318	3,818	67	2,396	1,726	623	47	1,355	62.7

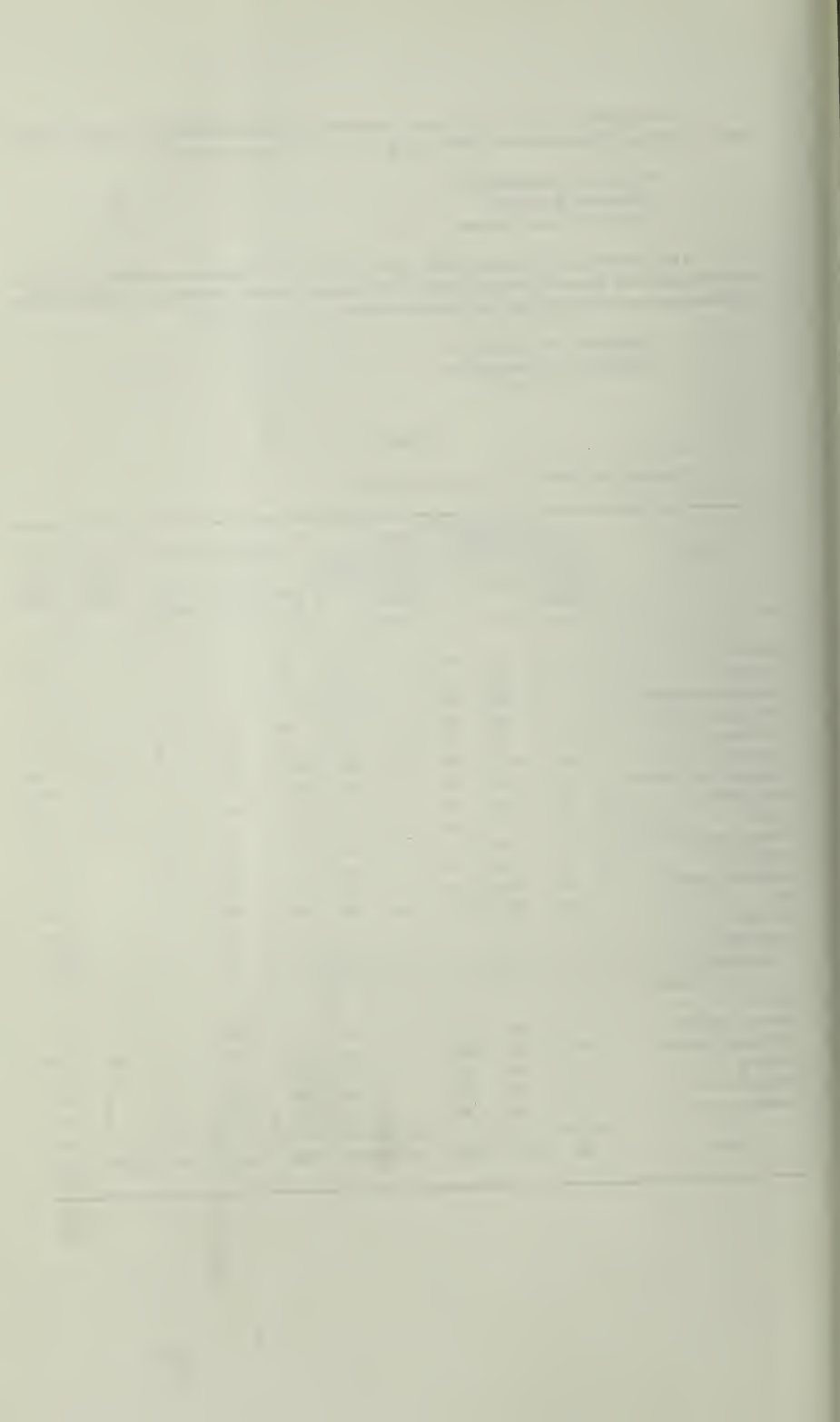


TABLE V.

Inspection, Treatment, etc., of Children during 1917 :—

1	The total number of children medically inspected (whether Code Group, special or ailing-child) ... ..	6,637
2	The number of children in (1) suffering from defects (other than uncleanness or defective clothing or footgear) who require to be kept under observation (but not referred for treatment) ... ..	336
3	The number of children in (1) who were referred for treatment (excluding uncleanliness, defective clothing, etc.) ... ..	2,487

TABLE VI.

Treatment of minor ailments at the School Clinic during the year 1917 :—

Disease or Defect Treated	Old Cases (1916)	New Cases (1917)	Total	Result of Treatment		
				Cured	Improved	Unchanged
Ringworm ... ..	39	122	161	114	47	...
Scabies ... ..	8	154	162	97	65	...
Other Skin Disorders ... ..	4	342	346	235	111	...
External Eye Diseases ... ..	...	26	26	10	16	...
Verminous Condition ... ..	...	29	29	22	7	...
Ear Diseases ... ..	...	17	17	12	5	...
Other Diseases or Defects ... ..	...	9	9	5	4	...
Totals ... ..	51	699	750	495	255	...



TABLE VII.  
TREATMENT OF TEETH AT SCHOOL CLINIC OF CHILDREN 6 TO 8 YEARS.

	No. of Children inspected at School by Dentist	No. of cases notified for Treatment	No. of cases recommended by School Medical Officer	No. of Applicants for Treatment	No. Treated	Extractions Simple		By Gas		By Ether		Fillings	Anesthetics administered	Attendances
						Temporary Teeth	Permanent Teeth	Temporary Teeth	Permanent Teeth	Temporary Teeth	Permanent Teeth			
Boys ...	2,574	2,398	25	272	192	8	...	277	5	333	21	98	128	263
Girls ...	2,337	2,189	23	315	192	9	...	297	18	170	26	105	130	225
Total ...	4,911	4,587	48	587	384	17	...	574	23	503	47	203	258	488

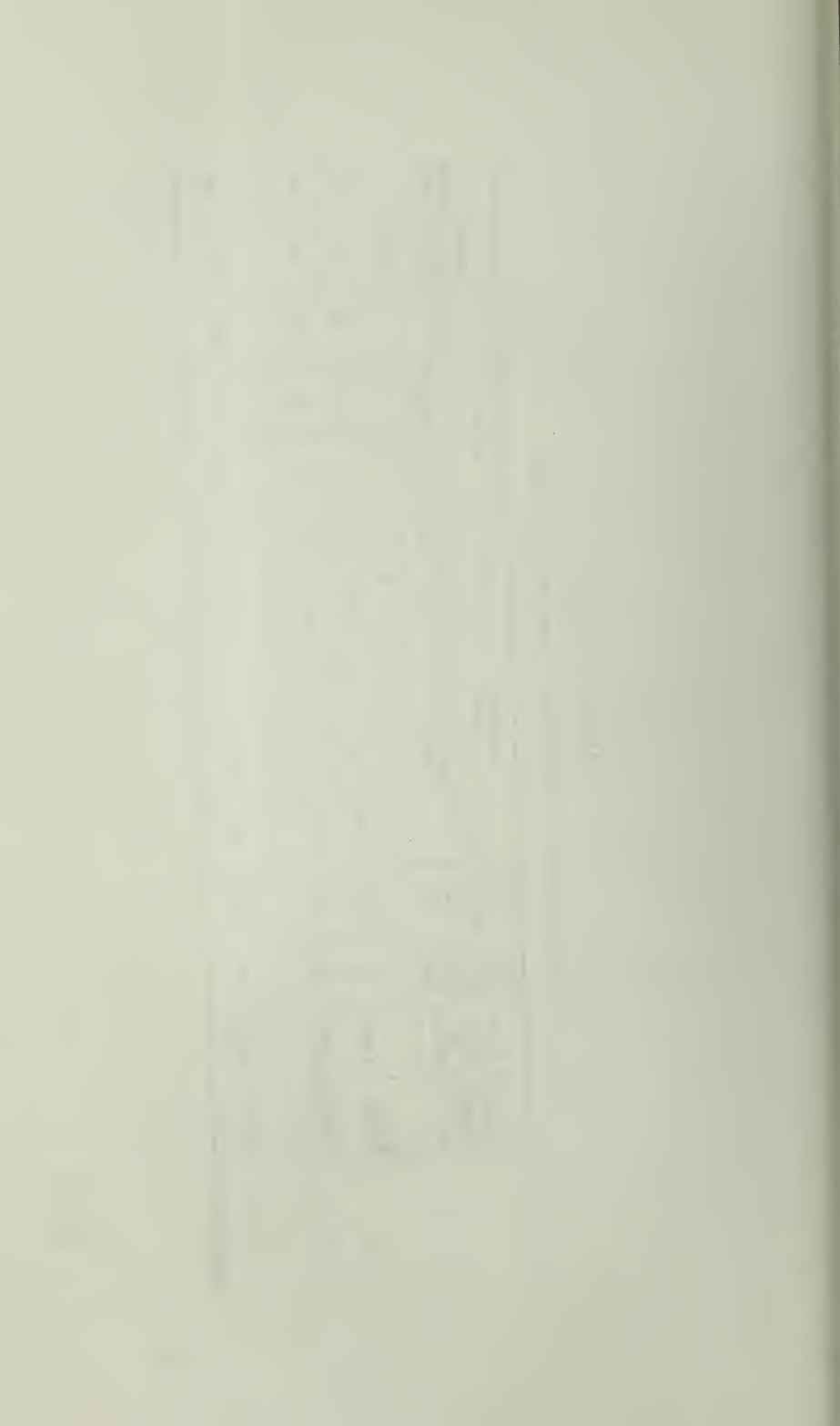




TABLE VIII.

SCHOOL CLINIC OPHTHALMIC DEPARTMENT.

DR. LEIGHTON DAVIES.

			No. of Cases recommended from Medical Examination	No. of Applicants treated	Spectacles prescribed	Other forms of treatment	No. of Cases followed up who have obtained Glasses	Attend- ances
Boys	...	...	246	153	91	35	84	376
Girls	...	...	455	256	152	56	152	578
Total	...	...	701	409	243	91	236	954

The Education Committee paid half the cost of spectacles in 162 cases.

TABLE IX.

SCHOOL CLINIC.—Treatment of Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat.

	No. of Cases recommended by School Medical Officer	No. of Cases applied for treatment	No. of Cases treated	Tonsils and Adenoids	Otitis Media Chronica	Other conditions	No. of Anaesthetics administered	Attend- ances
Boys	316	164	101	76	5	36	77	276
Girls	297	199	109	76	6	46	76	276
Total	613	363	210	152	11	82	153	552

## MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT, 1913.

During the year 30 children were examined and dealt with under this Act.

EIGHT of these children were certified as "not incapable by reason of mental defect, of receiving benefit from the instruction in an ordinary Public Elementary School."

EIGHT children were certified as "feeble minded within the meaning of the Act, but not incapable by reason of mental defect of receiving benefit from instruction in a Special School or Class." These eight children were recommended for admission to Virgil Street School for Mentally Defectives."

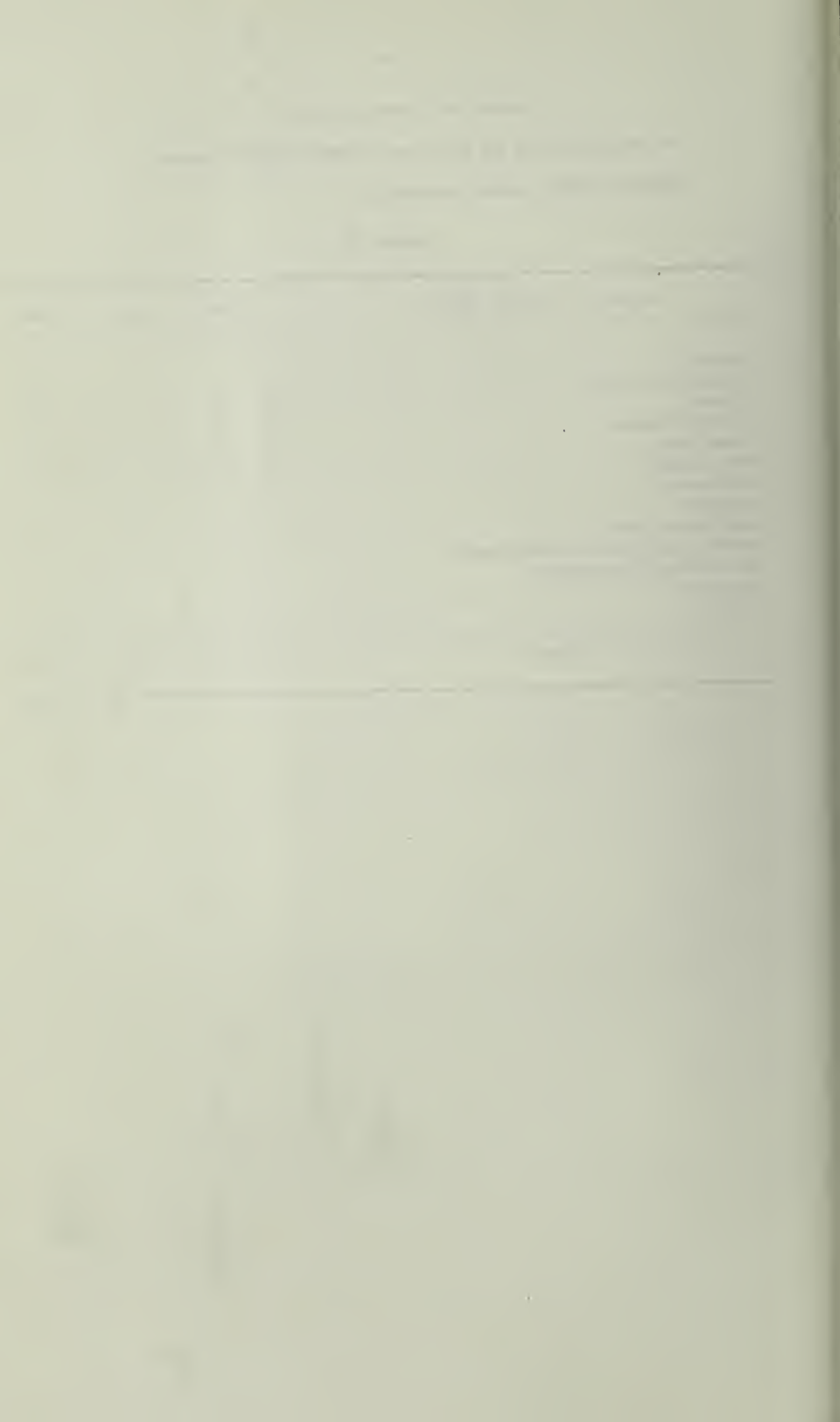
FOUR children were certified as "incapable, by reason of mental defect, of receiving benefit from instruction in a special school or class under the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children's Act, 1899)." These cases were notified to the Local Authority under the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913.

















## MEDICAL INSPECTION AND JUVENILE EMPLOYMENT.

Arrangements have been made by which the results of the medical inspection of children leaving school are supplied to the Juvenile Employment (Education) Officer. The height and weight, and particulars as to eyesight and hearing of every leaver are given, and in cases of other defective physical conditions, such information is also supplied. In many cases special medical examinations of children are made on the request of the Juvenile Employment Officer.

## MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

The Medical examination of newly appointed teachers was carried out by the Assistant School Medical Officers upon instructions from the Education Committee. During the year 1917, 61 teachers were examined, and 18 re-examinations made. Forty pupil teachers were examined and 8 re-examined.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD WALFORD,

*School Medical Officer.*

